

REMARKS

Status Of Application

Claims 31-33 are pending in the application; the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim Amendments

Claim 31 has been amended. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

The rejection of claims 31-33 under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention, is respectfully traversed based on the following.

Claim 31 has been amended to read, in part,

a light guide for guiding a light from an external light source to a prescribed area of the channel, a light-emitting surface of the light guide being a portion of a first side surface of the channel, wherein the first side surface of the channel is adapted to concentrate the light emitted from the light guide to the surface of the optical element

Support for this element of claim 31 can be found at page 14, lines 15-24 of the specification, which reads, in part, “the excited light is radiated in concentration to the light-taking surface 26a of the condensing optical element.” Claim 32 and 33 are dependent from claim 31 and include the elements of claim 31. Thus, because the elements of claim 31-33 are disclosed in the specification, it is respectfully submitted that claims 31-33 satisfy the written description requirement and are not objectionable under section 112.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 31-33 under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. However, if a fee, other than the issue fee, is due, please charge this fee to Sidley Austin LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

Any other fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time and any other fee required by this document pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, other than the issue fee,

Application No. 09/689,010
Amendment dated February 18, 2008
Reply to Office Action of December 18, 2007

and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Evelyn Y. Chen/ Reg. No. 51,550
Evelyn Y. Chen
Registration No. 51,550
Attorney for Applicant

EYC/llb:bar
SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP
717 N. Harwood, Suite 3400
Dallas, Texas 75201
Direct: (214) 981-3412
Main: (214) 981-3300
Facsimile: (214) 981-3400
February 18, 2008